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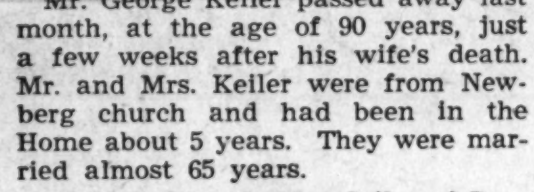

The first Fall rains and some light frosts have nipped many of the flowers that have beautified the grounds at the Home all summer. The garden, however, has been quite productive and seems to resist "retirement". Enough green beans for the family were picked from our vines after October 15th.

Mrs. Beery, our newest member, recently entered the Home from First Church, Portland, and had the misfortune to fall during the first few days with us and suffered a broken wrist. She is making good progress at this time and enjoying her new home.

Mrs. Lucy Wray was 92 years young October 23rd, and a group of 18 friends from Silverton were present to help her celebrate. They all went to Hillsboro for dinner, and naturally, "a good time was had by all."

Mr. George Keiler passed away last month, at the age of 90 years, just a few weeks after his wife's death. Mr. and Mrs. Keiler were from Newberg church and had been in the Home about 5 years. They were married almost 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seiler of Puyallup, Washington, have indicated that they will arrive at the Home about November 3rd for admission. They have been on the waiting list for some time and they welcome the opportunity to enjoy the splendid facilities of this Home.

Sunday morning chapel services in recent weeks have been conducted by the following: Newell Morgan and the Hillsboro Church; Evangelistic group, Portland Central; A. F. VanSlyke, well known minister "at large"; Vernon Kullowatz, Parkrose; Leland Earls of Multnomah. These services are always appreciated by the family and Staff, giving all the privileges of worship, communion and hearing a Gospel message.

In less than two months Christmas will be here, and with it the observance of "Benevolence Sunday", December 17th or 24th, at which time most of our churches present special features concerning the birth of Christ and the spreading of the theme, "Peace and good tidings to all men". Materials for this purpose are being sent out in November. Additional quantities are obtainable by writing to the Home or to Ray Smith, Field Representative.

Empty fruit jars in all sizes are available without charge, to any one withing to "can" surplus fruits or vegetables for the use of "OUR OTHER FAMILY". A card or phone call to Miss Phillips will get them started to you.

Roseburg Highlights

With a maximum registration of slightly over 200, the attendance at the 1950 Ninety and Nine Convention was not equal to that of recent years, but this feature was anticipated in the first annual convention to be held outside the Willamette Valley. Representation by churches and districts was good and a considerable number of the men present had never previously had the privilege to enjoy such a meeting.

The splendid messages of Ting Champie, main speaker, plus the Saturday morning challege by Ralph Holcomb and the Sunday morning Bible class message by Ed Eldridge set a high mark for ensuing conventions to reach. The hearty song leaders and soloes of D. L. Penhollow (Penny) were an inspiration to all as were special numbers by Dick Merriman and Lionel Newton. Without a doubt, however, the special music provided by Brother Frank Cook (Daddy Cook to most) and his octogenarian quartet from Eugene and vicinity touched off a sentimental and devotional spark in the heart of every listener. Brother Cook, Capt. LeeRoy Woods, George McLean, and F. I. Terpin with more than 333 collective years to their credit sing publicly on the average of two to three times weekly. Their accompanist for the occasion, Lester Hulin, hasn't quite graduated into their class, being a mere 78!

A special word of appreciation must be included for the many individual men who served on committees, assisted in the programs, led classes, and otherwise helped to make the convention a success. The fine hospitality of the church and its ministers gave warmth to a rich fellowship in Christ.—E.P.D.

International Convention

Oregon was well represented in the International Convention at Oklahoma City, October 9-15, the estimated number being about 40. There were 17 present from the Eugene First church, probably the largest delegation from any one church. The theme of the convention was "Cooperation and Beyond to Brotherhood in Christ." The Christian spirit was manifest throughout. The keynotes of the messages were personal commitment and devotion, a deeper realization of the responsibilitiy of Christian Stewardship; the joy of Christian fellowship and cooperation. The urgency of being on the job for Christ and the church was stressed again and again.

In spite of the warm weather with the thermometer registering very near the 90's or over every day, the attendance was excellent. Close to 8,000 delegates were registered. Many attended who did not register. There were sixty or more missionaries in the convention. Following the wonderful daily messages on personal devotional life by Dr. Nels Ferre, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, the missionaries were given recognition. Each of them gave a brief talk. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget of Oregon, now on furlough from the Belgian Congo were among them. It was a great hour.—E.L.B.

N.C.C. Banquet Held

One of the high points of convention week so far as Oregonians were concerned, was the Northwest Christian College banquet. About 200 were there, 29 of whom were Oregon delegates not to mention the former students from Oregon now attending graduate schools, — Brite College of the Bible, Fort Worth, Texas; Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma and Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. There were representatives present from Eugene Divinity School, Eugene Bible University, Eugene Bible College, predecessors of Northwest Christian College as well as from Spokane University, the school that joined with the Eugene school to form Northwest Christian college. It was a great evening of Christian fellowship and fun. —E.L.B.

Kilburg Chosen Speaker

Judges of the boys' camp speakers at the Ninety and Nine Men's banquet at the Roseburg convention selected Ronald Kilburg as speaker for the annual Saturday banquet session of the men during the 1951 Turner church convention. Ronald comes from the Hillsboro church and was a winner of a full scholarship in the 1949 Turner Boys Camp.

Jerry Bonn of The Dalles, representing the new 1950 Green Point Boys' Camp, gave the first talk and deserves special mention for the effort he and his mother made in braving a 600 mile round-trip bus ride to be present. He was winner of the Honorable Mention award in the Green Point Camp.

Melvin Souvenir of Canby spoke for the Crescent Lake Camp, Bobby Reaves of Newport for the Wi-Ne-Ma Camp, and Erwin Royer of Myrtle Point for the Grayback Camp. Erwin was a full scholarship winner at the 1949 Bridge Boys' Camp and was able to attend all of the convention with his father, J. T. Royer, newly elected president of the Myrtle district. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kilburg, parents of Ronald, were also present and John Stone, minister of the Canby church, and Wesley Goucher, minister of the Newport church, were present with Melvin Souvenir and Bobby Reaves from their respective churches. Lowell Saylor, scholarship winner at the 1950 Cove Boys' Camp and member of the Hermiston church, was unable to make the trip to Roseburg to speak on behalf of that camp. —E.P.D.

OREGONIANS IN KENTUCKY

Two Oregonians traveled to Kentucky this fall to attend The College of the Bible. C. Noel Mix and W. Fred Penniston both entered the seminary as first-year students.

Mr. Mix's home church is First Christian in Albany. He attended Linfield College and was graduated from University of Oregon.

Mr. Penniston was graduated from Drury College, Springfield, Mo. His home is in Portland.

J. Russell Morse Still In Kunming

Continuing Successful Work

Some time ago, we understood that J. Russell Morse expected to leave Kunming, Yunnan, West China, and be with others of the Lisuland Missionaries in Burma, by September. The latest word, however, gives no indication that this intrepid missionary has any thought but to continue a very successful work in Kunming. Apparently, he is unable to send word directly to the States. But telegrams sent by him to H. L. Phillips in Hongkong are relayed by the latter to Russell's mother, Mrs. Ruth Morse, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A telegram received September 30th says that medical supplies are impoverished; that a fifth church had been started; that there had been 68 more baptisms; and that two kindergartens were progressing "happily."

Another telegram received October 12th says: "Twenty-five more baptisms. Total 190 in past ten months. J. Russell Morse."

Thus we see that the Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation", even in Communist China.

While speaking of J. Russell Morse, one of the greatest missionaries of all times, we are impelled to mention his youngest son, LaVerne's account of the journey of many months, which he and Mel Byers made from Kunming, by way of Batang, across a portion of Inner Tibet to the lisuland mission field; a tremendous detour to get around the unfriendly communists in western China. The account is entitled "Detour: Tibet Journal", and runs in three issues of the Christian Standard. It is one of the most thrilling missionary accounts to be found anywhere, telling of experiences with Tibetan officials and bandits, as well as with Chinese Communist soldiers; including the capture by these two mere boys (certainly men in courage and experience) of five Tibetan bandits armed with rifles. LaVerne says: "Mel and I, armed with hunting knives, had the five bandits with their five rifles outnumbered two to five." —J. Frank Cunningham.

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State Secretary-Director's Diary

Believing that people like to be informed we make a brief report of some of the activities of the state secretary each month. We preached at Carlton and attended their annual congregational meeting, preached at Southeast Portland and met with their building committee, preached at Sutherlin and attended their annual congregational meeting, preached at St. Helens and gave a report of the International Convention at Kern Park, Portland. Attended a State Youth Committee meeting in Eugene, the State 90 and 9 Convention in Roseburg and the Annual Workshop in Salem. Was out of the state 15 days attending the convention. 9 days were spent in the office with 3 office conferences. Traveled 5,527 miles. There have been 245 pieces of mail sent out of the office not counting the Oregon Christian.

WOODBURN

On October eighth we held our annual Rally Day and Homecoming services, with the largest attendance in the history of the church. Places were set for 100 at the fellowship dinner. Don Jones, student at N.C.C., and Associate Pastor brought a fine message to a well-filled house in the evening. The Baptismal services brought a fitting climax to a red letter day., Brother Don Priest begins his third year as Pastor, and has been called indefinitely. The church membership has been doubled in the last two years. Three were added in October. —Don Priest, Pastor.

Giving To State Missions

OCTOBER 1 - 31, 1950

Coquille	$ 50.67
Dufur	50.00
Eugene, First	150.00
Grants Pass	50.00
La Grande	74.80
Lebanon	23.98
Medford	100.00
Milton	13.00
Pendleton	71.34
Portland, First	100.00
Portland, Kern Park	14.58
Portland, St. Johns	33.10
Portland, Southeast	34.50
Salem, Court Street	35.17
The Dalles	10.25
Tillamook	26.72
Yamhill	16.05
TOTAL, October 31	**$854.16**

Reeses To Have Help In South Africa

In the SOUTH AFRICA TORCH, issue of September, 1950, Bill and Melba Palmer Rees tell of their great need for assistance in supplying white leadership for some 30 congregations with nearly four thousand members scattered over a wide area in the Union of South Africa.

Bill writes: "Our work is mapped out for us by necessity. It is not ours to make and baptize new converts. There are many ministers (colored) doing that at present. It is our job to 'teach them to observe all things' and we cannot do that without help."

We imagine some of that help is already on the field, or soon will be, since the same paper tells of the plan of Max Ward Randall and family to sail to join them, September 27th. And so the number of missionaries continues to grow.

Among the needs of the work mentioned by Bill and Melba are: Grape Koolaid or "grape powder" for communion; about $2,000 for a car for the Reeses (We understand that the Randalls are taking their car with them, as well as an airplane); about $225.00 to complete the roof of the Carddock Church, by time for the next annual Conference in December; and the remembrance of the Rees and Randall families ragularly in our prayers that their every need may be supplied, in accordance with his will." —J.F.C.

PORTLAND CENTRAL

Central Church in Portland reached their all time high in Bible School October 22 with 637 in attendance.

N.C.C. NOTES

COUNSELING

On October 26, Dr. John L. Haskins, Manager of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Roseburg, and Chaplain Dr. Morris H. Roach of the same institution, met with faculty members of Prof. Siefke's "Personal Counseling" class to share with these their experiences in the counseling field. Dr. Haskins and Dr. Roach made significant contributions to the thinking of those who were in attendance. Northwest Christian College students plan to provide special musical programs from time to time for those in the Roseburg Veterans Hospital.

CALENDARS

The Northwest Christian Calendars has proved to be exceptionally popular and a considerable number of congregations have requested that additional copies be sent to them. Some calendars are still available so if any are needed, just write to N.C.C. for them.

PREACHERS

Students and faculty members of Northwest Christian College serve as pastors to almost one-third of the congregations of Christian churches in Oregon. At present these are as follows

1. Alvadore — Rex Jones
2. Bridge — Donald Blakley
3. Brownsville — Mont Smith
4. Carlton — Robert Powell
5. Crabtree — Glenn Johnson
6. Creswell — Prof. Lawrence Bixler
7. Dayton — Floyd Diehm
8. Estacada — William Imhoff
9. Fall Creek — Prof. George Shoemaker
10. Florence — Donald Johnson
11. Fort Rock — Darl Hunt
12. Franklin — Ronald Mowe
13. Garabaldi — Joe Scovell
14. Gates — Walter Smith
15. Glendale — Jack Adams
16. Glenwood — Robert DeLashmutt
17. Glide — Richard Merriman
18. Goshen — Ira K. Hall
19. Harrisburg — Prof. William Siefke
20. Holley — Preston Wilkins
21. Ingram Island - Robert Brooks
22. Irving - John Myers
23. Langlois — Darl Hunt
24. Lowell — Otis Bell
25. Mabel — Clifford King
26. Marcola — John Smith
27. Myrtle Creek — Leo Horner
28. Mt. Vernon — W. T. Strickland
29. Noti — Neilan Dodson
30. Perrydale — Jack McElravy
31. Peoria — Ralph Conyers
32. Portland, University Homes — Clifton Peightal
33. Rockaway — James Pfouts
34. Row River — David Kullowatz
35. Scotts Mills — Robert Sullivan
36. Shevlin — Roland Rasar
37. Sisters — George Knox
38. Vaughn — Prof. William Richardson
39. Walden — Vincent Smith
40. Walker — LaVern Gomez
41. Walton — Forrest Hibbard
42. Winston — Robert McDonald
43. Walterville — Vincent Newkirk
44. Yoncalla — James C. Smith
45. Zion — Loren Fisher

In addition to the Oregon congregations supplied with pastoral leadership from Northwest Christian College, some congregations in Washington are also served:

1. Montesana — Dorlan Woods
2. Salishan — George Good
3. Washougal — Ray Charlesworth
4. Woodland — Donald Tegarden

The service list exceeds the above considerably because many congregations also have persons from Northwest Christian College serving as choir directors, assistants to ministers, Christian education workers, etc. The complete list of such appointments has not been compiled for many such relationships are in process of being established for the year.

Future Of Christianity In East China

Situation In China Summarized

Dr. M. Searl Bates, returned missionary from China who has served for many years as an instructor in Nanking University, in presenting the "Future of Christianity in East Asia" summarized the situation in China as follows: "Three factors favorable to the growth of Christianity in East Asia are no longer operative to the same degree as they once were. (1) Christianity has benefited by the prestige of the West. It was religion associates with power; with modern knowledge, modern cure of disease, modern government; with wealthy societies that had a surplus to send abroad. (2) Through the rule of western governments of treaties and laws secured by their influence, Christianity has often received some measure of aid and protection against resentful hostility of local priests of medicine men, of local conservatives, who felt that the collective life of the old clan or moral sanctions of the community were suffering from the strange, the aggressive invader. Indeed, several colonial government subsidized mission schools greatly widening the channels for Christian influence. (3) Christian schools and hospitals, however supported, opened new opportunities of life to hundreds of thousands, when governments were doing little or nothing for education and for health.

"But today the prestige of western culture, of which Christianity is but a part, in many Oriental eyes a minor or even disappearing part, has fallen low indeed. Eastern men can now make their own machines and run them; the display of coarse conduct by too many soldiers and sailors from the west and the glamorous revelations of Hollywood, a hundred times repeated in technical splendor and pagan morals, have done their work. Christian missions cannot trust in the fame of a civilization that considers itself superior by its wealth, its power, its gadgets, its catchwords. The highest values of our culture must be presented in plain truth as human as Christian, not as western-God and Christ, church and Bible, sense of the worth of every man, but belinging to all alike, and desperately needed by all alike. Thirty years ago, I started to China, a church woman said: 'God bless you my boy! Make good Americans out of all of them!' When spoken in an American village, that wish was blasphemy in ignorance. If spoken in Asia today, it would be insane.

"The second crutch now weakened is the aid of western governments, an aid which frequently carried harm or the seed of harm along with benefit to missions; the third prop now damaged or cut away is the program of public subsidy to Christian schools and hospitals; and further the place of prominence which these schools and hospitals have previously occupied in several East Asia countries. Only a school of outstanding merit can hold its position, and it is extremely difficult to maintain that recognized merit without funds which can retain superior teachers, buildings and equipment good enough to impress keen eyes, and costly aid to worthy, competent students who can hardly provide their own food and clothing."

In the light of these facts Dr. Bates urged that we continue to multiply in word and life the preaching of the Good News of Christ; to continue the work of evangelizing; to hold steadfastly in Brotherhood the peoples of China, Korea, Japan and India, and the other changing nations of East Asia, cherishing those of the household of faith. —E.L.B.

CRUSADE NEWS

The following article shows something of what has been done with Crusade money in Latin America. Crusade dollars have achieved much for our mission work in Latin America, but there is even more work awaiting Crusade money.

Crusade Funds Work

In Argentina

On June 17, 1950, in the late afternoon the gymnasium-auditorium at Ward College, Buenos Aires, Argentina, was dedicated. Thus there came to fulfillment the dream of years and the actual work of collecting funds funds for the past six years. The alumni association of Colegio Ward launched a campaign some years ago to raise money for a gymnasium. As the idea grew and developed it came to include an auditorium and the cooperating mission boards—Methodist and Disciple—were asked to share in it. The Disciples put an asking into the Crusade and $12,500 has gone for the erection of the gymnasium-auditorium. This building is significant in that it is a gift of both Argentines and Americans and shows the two groups uniting in the development of a school which started out very humbly thirty-three years ago in one building. The campus now has an administration building, two boys' dormitories, a residence for younger boys, two residences for girls, a dining hall and now the gymnasium-auditorium.

When the church building for the Saavedra congregation, Buenos Aires, was started in 1947 no one could predict the rapidly rising cost of materials in Argentina nor the wage and hours laws that would be passed by Congress, thus doubling the ultimate cost of the building. Fortunately, the Crusade had an asking for church buildings in Buenos Aires and Resistencia. Originally it was hoped to enlarge one of two of the already existing church buildings in Buenos Aires, but it was the decision of the mission that the Saavedra Church should be finished with Crusade money in preference to enlarging another church. Thus the Crusade completed the only church building which the Disciples have erected in Buenos Aires within the last decade.

The Union Seminary, Buenos Aires, which last year enrolled fifty-four students, is housed in a beautiful building, though too small for the student body. Dormitories ,class rooms, dining room, chapel and library are in one building. $5,000 from the Crusade was used to complete the dormitory wing to provide space for a men's dormitory. This seminary is supported by Methodists, Waldensians, Presbyterians as well as the Disciples. No other such seminary in Spanish-speaking South America holds so high a scholastic standard or has maintained so long a history as a union institution.

Work was started in Resistencia, a city seven hundred miles from Buenos Aires, in 1943. Since that time church activities have been held in a residence. It is now ready to move ahead on a building program and $8,000 of Crusade money has been allocated for that purpose.

In Paraguay

The sanctuary at Asuncion has been declared one of the loveliest little church buildings in South America. However, it provided no room for Sunday school classes and young people's activities. It was necessary for the pastor to practically move out of the parsonage each Sunday morning and turn over two or three rooms to the Sunday school. The young people used the parsonage for all activities. The Crusade has made possible the building of a Christian education unit, which will care for a growing Sunday school and provide space for a daily vacation Bible school and related activities.

The work at Asuncion has long needed a car to help in the various activities of the church and school, Colegio Internacional. The Crusade made possible the purchase of a station wagon.

In Mexico

The parsonage of the Mexican pastor at Aguascalientes was remodeled.

The greatest need in Mexico is for the training of leadership both lay and ministerial. To accomplish this most effectively, it has been decided that a rural center, including an experimental farm, conference grounds, and a school for young people, with provision for short courses for lay men and women would be the best means of helping the Christian communities in Mexico to grow and develop. Five of the missionary staff have been set aside for this purpose, and $18,000 was allocated from the Crusade to purchase ground and erect the first building or two.

In Puerto Rico

An automobile has been provided out of Crusade funds for H. J. Williams to carry on extension work of the Union Seminary in Puerto Rico. Part of Dr. Williams' assignment in the Seminary is supervising field work of students in religious education as well as teaching classes at distant points from the seminary.

The church at San Juan was organized in 1941 with seven members. It has grown to a congregation of about 250 and a Sunday school of over 400. It is still meeting in the residence which has housed it from the beginning. Being in the capital and in a community of 10,000 where it is the only protestant congregation, a building worthy of the consecration and opportunities must be erected. Land on the little island with its 561 persons to the square mile is costly. The Crusade has given $12,500 to purchase land for the dreamed of and hoped for new church.

In Jamaica

No work is more necessary in any mission land than the training of ministers. The Crusade has provided a scholarship in the amount of $2,600 which has been set aside for the three-year education of a seminary student.

Jamaica's thirty-two congregations are located largely in rural areas far from commercial transportation. The missionary in Jamaica has general oversight of the churches and helps the congregations with visitation campaigns, stewardship schools and leadership training. A carry-all was purchased that the missionary might get around to the various churches more easily, carrying with him visual aids equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hughes beside the new station wagon in Asuncion, Paraguay. The Crusade provided funds for this car, long needed for the work of the church and the school, Colegio Internacional.

Crusade For A Christian World

Kenneth Johnston

The State Chairman Speaks

A New Norm Of Service

The Crusade for a Christian World has helped our churches to achieve a new norm of Christian stewardship, and herein lies the greatest success of the Crusade. It is unthinkable that our churches will revert back to the 1945-46 level of life and service. From the beginning it has been the hope and conviction of all who are interested in the Crusade that this would not be just another "campaign," but that it would provide a means of lifting us to a higher level of consecration and activity.

God Is Using The Crusade

Those of us who attended the International Convention in Oklahoma City were impressed by the plans for greater service that were laid before us. We left with the feeling that "the best days for our brotherhood lie ahead, rather than behind." We realized that the Crusade had already contributed much in setting our feet on higher ground and pointing our vision toward the farther horizons. Once in a great while God uses some person or movement to lift the church to new heights—such as a "reformation" or a "restoration" effort. He has used His martin Luthers, His Moodys, His Campbells, and His Kagawas—and He is also using in these days consecrated efforts, such as the Crusade for a Christan World, to lift us to the place that will be consistent and proper with the name we bear. We must be doing a New Testament work if we are to be a New Testament people.

Film Available

Pictures shown at the Crusade presentation of the International Convention at Oklahoma City have been made into companion film strips "The Crusade Achieves" and "The Unfinished Crusade Projects" that are available without cost except for the return postage.

These film strips are furnished with a printed script or with script and recorded narration on a 12 inch record at 33⅓ rpm. When ordering please specify film with script only or film with script and recording.

Order from A Crusade for a Christian World, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Ind.

Christian House

October at Eugene Christian House was climaxed by the Fall Retreat which met at the 4-H Camp Lane on the Siuslaw River, Saturday, October 28th. Despite the heavy rains, much work was accomplished by committees on Program, Finance, Publicity, Membership, Worship, Service, House, International Friendship, Recreation, and Social Action. Professor Ward Rice of Northwest Christian College brought challenging messages on Reaching Unreached Students. Student leaders included Mary Alice Baker, Marylon Haines, Don McKenzie, Mark Van Voorhis, Imogene Spurgeon, Gene Johnson, Russ Petree, Vic Lambert, Pat Powell, Ray Shields, Wah Chun, and Patty Hartley.

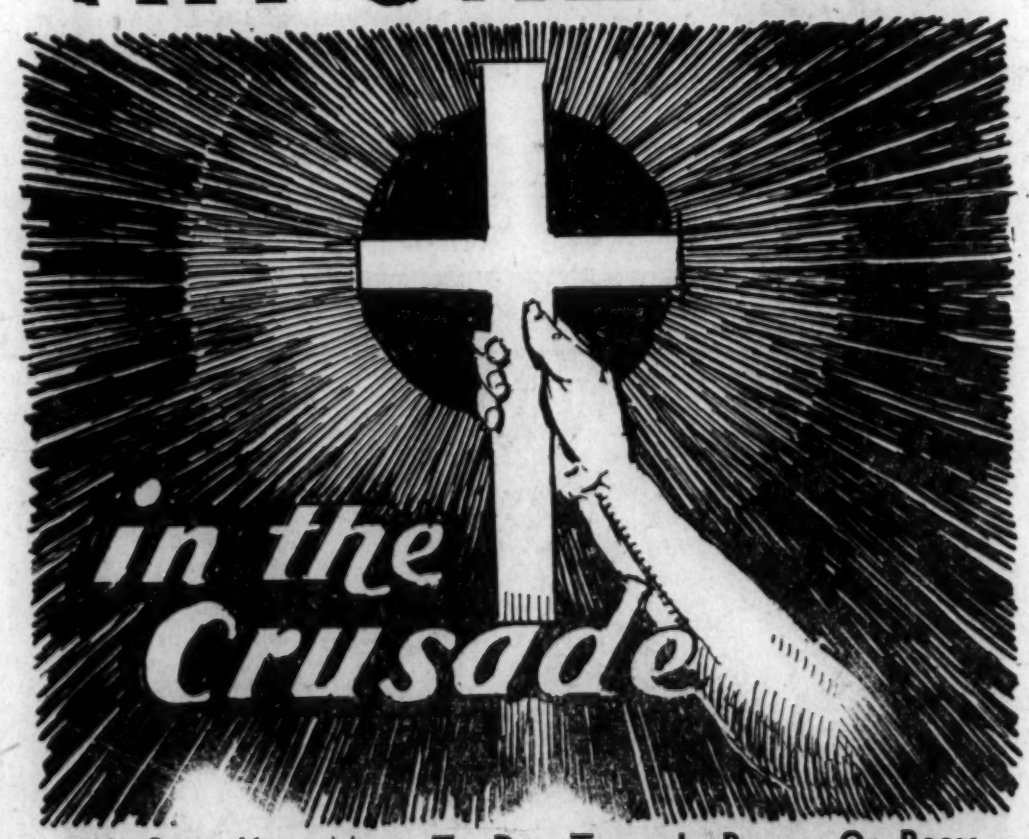
A three-nights friendship cultivation program of Visitation Evangelism is proving most successful. Three hundred thirty-one University of Oregon Christian preference students are being contacted by teams of students. A specially prepared flier bearing the caption "What about You and Your Religion" is left with each student to give him a tangible outline of church services and Christian House activities to which he is invited.

The Sunday evening Fellowship has been running from 65 to 75 in attendance. Discussions have been based on the theme "Is My Religion Two-Faced?" Specific topics have been "Inner Stability," "The Clock Has Time —What Happende to Mine," "The Prof. Said It, So What?," "The Student and His Church," and "Beginning with Me." November discussions are to be on "What We Believe about God, about the Church, and about Sin and Salvation."

International Tea Hours with foreign students were started last Tuesday afternoon when Hans Hock and Hans Buttner of Austria were guests. Conversation with them showed how different university life there is from that on American campuses. There social life among students is nil, and students do not live in campus organizations but are scattered throughout the city. They do much individual study, and examinations are everything.

Several special groups have visited Christian House during the month. The state W.C.T.U. convention held its tea here, and the N.C.C. Idaho Club party was here. Our own social affairs included a Progressive Party, a Backwards Party, and the Hallowe'en Party to which Corvallis Christian House students came. At a recent Sunday evening fellowship we had the Eugene Plymouth Club (Congregational) as our guests.

THY GOD HATH COMMANDED THY STRENGTH



WE STILL HAVE MUCH TO DO—THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM

YET FOR CRUSADING

BUT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

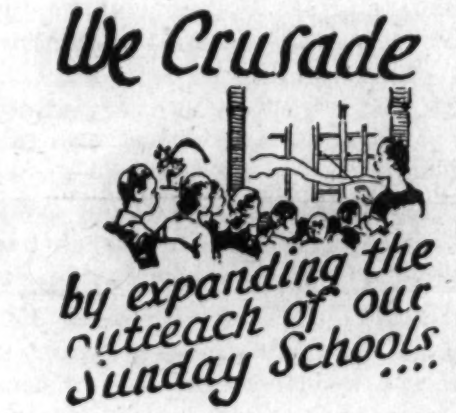
LET US CONTINUE TO CRUSADE !

OREGON CHURCHES ACHIEVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE AS SEEN IN PRE-CRUSADE RECORDS '45-'46 COMPARED TO '48-'49

MEMBERSHIP:

'45-'46	24,513
'48-'49	28,006

Gain of 14%



BIBLE SCHOOL:

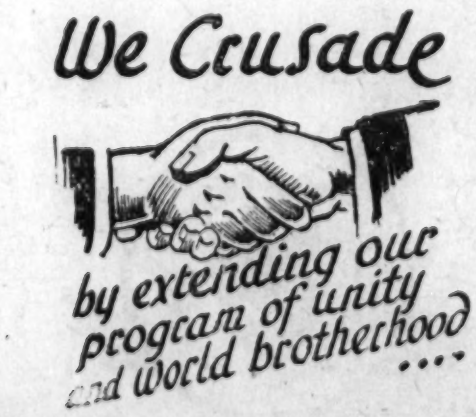
'45-'46	22,487
'48-'49	26,248

Gain of 16%

LOCAL BUDGETS:

'45-'46	$500,769.74
'48-'49	$769,561.17

Gain of 53%



MISSIONARY OFFERINGS:

'46-'46	$140,044.31
'48-'49	$173,444.51

Gain of 19%

Let's Budge The Budget

The State Missions budget was published in the last issue of the Oregon Christian. You will recall the total budget for the year is $15,500.00. This means we need an average of $42.50 per day to carry on our cooperative work in the state. Many of our small churches that have only a small local budget can take one or two days as their part. Churches that have a local budget of 8 or 10 thousand should take at least a week or more, and churches with local budgets from $10,000 up should consider two weeks or a month. Our churches need a better understanding of their stewardship as much as the individual members need it. Churches are often like individuals, for the more they get the more they spend on themselves. This is not good stewardship any more for a church than it is for an individual. If as an individual you are a strong believer in direct support, and your church is not giving anything, or a little, you can send your gifts to the state office and have fellowship in this great work of the Lord. We all say we believe in State Missions, so let us translate this belief into dollars so our evangelists and pastors can be paid. —C.H.A.

Annual Youth Planning Commission

The youth program among the Christian Churches of the state is gradually gaining ground. The slowness is due to lack of knowledge of our program, lack of interest and misunderstanding of what we are trying to do. Those who attend the commission on November 24 and 25 at "Menucha" which is the former Governor Meier estate near Portland. Instructions will be sent through the mail how to reach the grounds by car. Since this is a week-end holiday registration will begin at 4 p.m. Friday and the conference will close at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Some of the adults who will be on the program are, Al Paget, just returned from Africa, Don Payne, Bill Terbeek, Elsie Davis, Charlie Manker, Dudley Strain and Alice Hensley. Many of the youth of our state committee will have active parts on the program. Charlie Addleman will be there, especially at meal time. The cost for lodging, four meals and registration will be $5.00 per head. We must furnish our own bedding. Each church may send 4 from the high school grounp and 2 from the intermediate. Alice Hensley will have charge of the intermediate section and Dudley Strain the Adult section. Youth advisors and leaders are urged to attend. The best way to find out what this is all about is to attend. We will be seeing you at "Menucha".

MRS. HATTIE MENZIES

Mrs. Hattie Menzies has returned to Oregon and will live in Corvallis. We welcome her back to the state and trust she may do much to stir up a greater missionary zeal among our churches.

MILL CITY

We understand that Mill City has called Hugh Jull of Montana to be their pastor. We welcome him to Oregon.

Fellowship Institutes

Mrs. Edna Gish, guest missionary speaker from China and a team composed of Christian Women's Fellowship state board members, conducted a series of Fellowship Institutes in Oregon beginning on October 27 in Pendleton and closing at Medford on November 6. Reports from the International convention, program and work of the Christian Women's Fellowship, future work, and materials were presented. It was a very busy time for Mrs. Gish. In addition to speaking for the South Idaho Retreat and the Institutes, she spoke for the morning church services at Bend, October 29 and Roseburg, November 5 and the evening service at Grants Pass, November 5.

Due to the uncertainty concerning China, it will not be possible for Mrs. Gish or the other China missionaries now on furlough, to return at the present time. The twelve who are there now, are free to choose whether they want to come home or stay indefinitely. The work is still being permitted by the Communists but nobody knows just what the future holds. It may be necessary to turn over all of the church property in the not distant future to the Chinese Christians and withdraw our missionaries. We have some very capable and consecrated leaders among the Chinese Christians. E.L.B.

Father-Daughter Banquet

On October 5 the Lebanon Ninety and Nine Men tried something a bit different and had a turn-out of over 75 fathers and daughters for a turkey banquet and a very fine program. (Of course, the church ladies guaranteed the success of the meeting by serving the turkey and fixin's). Royal Gardner, secretary of the group, was toastmaster for the occasion. Special music was furnished by girls from N.C.C. and by the King's Heralds of Salem. Mr. Burleigh Cash entertained both young and older girls and dads with his illustrated "remarks", and Professor George Shoemaker of the N. C. C. faculty brought the inspirational message.

The new president of the South Willamette district is Leo Quackenbush, a member of the Lebanon church, and Roy Crover continues in a second term as district secretary. Mr. Gardner succeeds Marion Kent as state recording secretary just to keep Lebanon well represented in Ninety and Nine circles.

N. W. Directors Organize

The newly elected board of directors of the Northwest district met at the Central Christian Church on October 9 to elect executive officers. Lloyd Read of the Oregon City church was elected president and Henry Moar of Kern Park was elected vice-president for the south sub-division of the district and Martin Lee of Mallory Avenue vice-president for the north subdivision. Cecil Bacus of Sellwood was chosen secretary, K. I. Dixon of Southeast Christian the treasurer, Fay Johnston of First Christian the publicity chairman, Charles Dumas of Hillsboro the finance chairman, Wesley Herwick of St. Johns the program chairman in the north sub-division and John Arnett of Parkrose the program chairman for the south sub-division. —E.P.D.

WILFRED P. HARMAN

The Disciples Of Christ Historical Society

Wilfred P. Harman of Temple, Texas, will become national director of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, January 1. 1951. W. E. Garrison, president of the Society, announced recently after the first Board of Directors meeting at the International Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 11, 1950.

Duties of the national director, a newly created position, will be to make contacts with churches and individuals, to visit colleges and seminaries, and to present the work of the Society at national, state, and district meetings. This is to encourage the gathering, preservation, and use of historical materials of the brotherhood.

Druing 1951 Mr. Harman will be loaned to the Campbell Home Committee to lead the campaign for $150,000 for the repair, restoration, development and endowment of the Alexander Campbell Home at Bethany, West Virginia, which will begin about April 1st.

His address during the coming year will be The Campbell Home, Bethany, West Virginia. After the completion of the campaign he will set up his office at the Society's headquarters in Canton, Missouri.

Mr. Harman, who has a B.D. degree from Texas Christian University and other graduate work from the University of Chicago, served for ten years as state secretary of the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society. Since that time he has been minister of the Christian church at Jefferson City, Mo., and Temple, Texas. He was one of the founders of the historical society and has served on its board of directors and the executive committee.

Ronald E. Osborn, head of the Department of Church History, School of Religion of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, October 13, 1950, by the Board of Directors. He succeeds Dr. W. E. Garrison, Chicago, Ill.

The other officers, as follows, were re-elected; vice-president, Chester P. Hensley, Bloomington, Ill., secretary-treasurer, Donald W. Sykes, Canton, Mo., and curator, Claude E. Spencer, Canton, Mo. The Executive Committee for the coming year will be composed of the president, the curator, Chester P. Hensley, Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio, and Louis A. Warren, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

At the annual meeting of the Society held the same day these directors were chosen for a three-year term: Enbs E. Dowling, Indianapolis, Ind., Ross J. Griffith, Eugene, Ore., Colby D. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas, Chester P. Hensley, Raymond McCallister, Webster Groves, Mo., Harriett-Louise H. Patterson, Cleveland, Ohio, Henry King Shaw, Dwight E. Stevenson, Lexington, Ky., and C. C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Members of the Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship state board who attended the International Convention were Mrs. C. C. Smith, president, Portland; Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, recorder, Dallas; Mrs. Carroll C. Roberts, District number 5 secretary, Eugene; Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Executive Secretary, Eugene. Oregon was honored by having as its representative on the Christian Women's Fellowship Workshop program at the International convention, Mrs. Edna Burke, the Executive secretary. Mrs. Burke took part in a skit which presented the organizational pattern of C. W. F. She portrayed the character of a "doubting Thomas" throwing cold water on every suggestion made. During the period set aside for presenting the work of the workshop chairman, Mrs. Burke outlined the work of this important person.

Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Executive Secretary for Oregon and South Idaho, spent Tuesday and Wednesday October 24-25 in Jerome, Idaho directing and taking part in the Annual all South Idaho Christian Women's Fellowship retreat. Women from most of the churches of South Idaho were present, about 150 in all. Mrs. Edna W. Gish, missionary to China for thirty years, was the guest speaker. She thrilled and challenged all who heard her.—E.L.B.

SOUTHEAST, PORTLAND

The new Southeast Church in Portland is making a rapid growth. Their membership is 90 now and recently they have had over 100 in Bible School. As you know State Missions is placing $200.00 a month into this work.

Dallas Host Church

The North Willamette district rally for October was held in the Dallas church on the 23rd. The Dallas ladies provided their usual fine dinner and Meyer Tan-Ditter provided the spiritual food on the subject of "What Do You Think You Are?" Mrs. Tan-Ditter was unable to be with him since she had been called to the bedside of her mother in New England. The "hornets" just had to stay in the nest (no time of year for them to be out anyway.)

Camp slides were shown prior to the opening song service which was led by Elery Parrish accompanied by Miss Mary Jane Nesby. Ed Cooley of the Salem Court St. church gave a devotional thought to precede the business meeting under the leadership of Chester Lee, new district president. The invitation of the Turner church to entertain the next rally on Monday, December 18, was accepted. Churches of the district are asked to take special note that the meeting is being set ahead one week to clear the Christmas holiday. —E.P.D.

PLEASANT HILL

Prof. Ward Rice of Northwest Christian College found his teaching duties so heavy he concluded his ministry at Pleasant Hill recently. Clyde Blakley, who graduated from N.C.C. last June, was called to become full time pastor the first of November. You will recall Pleasant Hill celebrated their Centenial last August.

OREGON CALENDAR

1950

November 17 — Program Committee Meeting, Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, Noon, N.C.C., Eugene
November 24-25 — State Youth Planning Commission Meeting, Menucha.
December 5 — N. C. C. Board of Trustees Meeting, Eugene
December 14 — Christian Education Committee Meeting, First, Salem
December 19 — N. C. C. Fall Term ends
December 17 and/or 24 — National Benevolent Association Offerings to be taken.

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January 2 — Winter Term begins at N. C. C.
January 21 — Christian Higher Education Day; Baptist-Disciple Pulpit Exchange.
January 28-February 4 — Youth Week
January 31-February 1 — Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship, Portland Y.W.C.A.
February 4-9 — Mark Rutherford in Oregon under auspices of N.C.C. for Stewardship and evangelism emphasis:
Pendleton-Feb. 4; Bend-Feb. 5; Portland, Mallory Ave.-Feb. 6; Dallas-Feb. 7; Eugene First-Feb. 8; Grants Pass-Feb. 9
February 9 — World Day of Prayer. (Intercommunion-Community Observance)
February 11 — Race Relations Sunday
February 18-25 — Week of Compassion — Crusade Climax
February 25 — Close of A Crusade for a Christian World
March 4 — Foreign Missions Day
March 21 — Winter Term Ends at N.C.C.
March 18-25 -- Week of Evangelism and Worship — Easter Season.
March 25 — Easter
March 26 — Spring Term begins at N.C.C.
April 3-5 — Oregon Preachers Parliament, Eugene
April 8-15 — Lane County and N.C.C. visitation Evangelism
April 16-May 16 — Oregon District Conventions within this period
April 29 — Rural Life Sunday
May 5 — Fellowship Day for Women (Intercommunion)
May 13 — Pentecost
June 3 — Children's Day; N.C.C. Baccalaureate
June 4 — N.C.C. Sacred Music Concert, Eugene
June 5 — N.C.C. Commencement
June 17 — Achievement Day — Oregon Christian Missionary Society (Local Church Emphasis)
June 25-July 1 — Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, Turner
July 8-14 — State Religious Education Laboratory School, Salem

Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit

The ten new sets of 87 Rpm are available to the churches on a rental basis, from the state office. They rent for $1.25 per set including the film strip, record and two guide books and will be helpful to any church school. Some of the state staff will be available to hold short leadership conferences using this equipment. Titles of the sets are: "Leads to Leadership", "The Great Adventure", "So You're the Superintendent", "The Growing Teacher", "No Two Alike", "As The Twig Is Bent", "How Persons Learn", "The Teacher Prepares", "The Teacher Teaches", and one colored silent film on, "Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment". The church is expected to return the set the next day after using, or else pay an extra day's rental. Likewise you are to insure the set when mailing. It can be done for an extra 10¢. Churches are expected to pay any damage they incur to the film or record. For further detail write the state office.

WM. MORSE

Wm. Morse has concluded his ministry at Amity and will give time to the direction of the camp at Wi-Ne-Ma.

HOOD RIVER

Hood River has called Vernon Fishback to become their pastor. We congratulate both the church and Vernon and hope he may have a very successful ministry there.

State Workshop Grand Success

Yes it's over, the State Christian Education Workshop has once more convened; successfully accomplished its task; and now everyone may relax for there will be no more troublesome advertising or publicity stunts cluttering up your mail—at least not until Workshop time again next year!

It was most gratifying to the committee when voice after voice of the delegates commented enthusiastically: "It's the best Workshop yet!" And that seemed to be the general concensus of opinion of the majority of the ninety-five folk registered for the occasion. Our theme, **"Leadership Education through Visual Demonstration"** was admirably realized through the use of the new Audio-Visual Aid Kit including ten fine film with accompanying records.

Our guest leader, Donald Leonard, Director of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, did a commendable piece of work in directing the discussion in the general assembly as well as in stimulating the adult group session, following the presentation of each film. The leader of the group who helped youth leaders to relate the content of the film to that area of local church work was James Cornett, Director of Christian Education, First Christian Church in Eugene; while Mrs. William Siefke, Professor of Christian Education at Northwest Christian College served as discussion leader for the Children's work division. We wish to extend our heartiest thanks to each of you. Mr. Leighton Dashiell, of First Christian Church, Dallas, our publicity chairman for the Workshop and also Chairman of our State Christian Education Committee, graciously served in the capacity of Registrar in the absence of our beloved Dr. Swander, who is recovering at home from a recent operation.

And it just wouldn't be a Workshop without Bea Corum doing a fine job selling books. We were most fortunate in having Mr. Ed Lewis, Salem distributor of Visual Aids with us on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Mr. Wm. Zehr, Manager of Better Films in Portland present throughout the workshop making available the equipment used in the presentation of this series of film and records. Dick Merriman, Senior student at N. C. C. led the hymn-singing opening each session and taught us some clever songs around the lunch and dinner tables—and those good meals! Thanks to the Salem ladies who cooked and served them. And once again First Christian Church, and Dudley Strain and his staff proved gracious and pleasant hosts. We appreciated it greatly. That's about all folks—and I would say this to all of you who missed the Workshop—you missed something worth while! —Oma Lou Myers.

THE DALLES

Marion McQuary of Tacoma, Washington just closed a very successful meeting with the church. There were 20 additions and all but one were young married people. There were 94 tithers signed up. The entire program of the church is moving along nicely with an increased interest and attendance.

SALEM FIRST

Work is progressing nicely on the First Church building in Salem. It will be a wonderful plant when completed.

FLEENORS IN JAPAN

Another missionary family swelling the ranks of those on the field is that of Julius and Virginia Fleenor, and their little son, Stephen. Mr. Fleenor is the living-link of the First Christian Church, Michigan City, Indiana, and Mrs. Fleenor is living-link of the Figueroa Church, in Los Angeles. They sailed from San Francisco the 5th of October, expecting to reach Yokohama in about 13 days. They will be associated with Miss Grace Farnham, veteran missionary, in the Mabashi Christian Mission, in Tokyo.

Grace Farnham writes of a two weeks' meeting held in the Mabashi Church of Christ, by the pastor, John Muto - or under his leadership: Mr. Muto preached five times, and there were five guest speakers from the Cunningham mission. There were 4 baptisms. The Mabishi Church has decided to follow the Standard's plan of "United For Christ" in Evangelism and Church Development. And this meeting is said to be the first step in that direction.

We read in the Mabashi News: "A new organ has been given to the Mabashi Church of Christ by the Chapel Services of the American Army where Chaplain Frank Griffin preaches. This is a great help as the old organ was in bad condition." —J.F.C.

E. W. Blehm New President

E. W. Blehm of Harrisburg was selected state president of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood in the 14th annual convention at Roseburg, October 20-22. Mr. Blehm has served in past years on the state boys' work committee and on special convention committees. He has also served as district officer in the McKenzie district and as president of the South Willamette district during the past year as well as state vice-president for the Willamette Area.

Other state officers elected were: vice-presidents—Errol Harris of Pendleton (Eastern Area), Dr. T. M. White of Bend (Central Area), Floyd Shaw of Portland (Northern Area), Martin Farlee of Albany (Willamette Area), Ralph Hardesty of Sutherlin (Southern Area); pastor-advisers—Paul Moore of Athena and Joe Jewett of Baker jointly for Eastern Area, Harry Atkins of Dufur (Central Area), Vernon Kullowatz of Parkrose (Northern Area), Donald Payne of Corvallis (Willamette Area), Kenneth Knox of Roseburg (Southern Area); recording secretary, Royal Gardner of Lebanon; financial secretary, Lynn Neal of Silverton; treasurer, Elmer Patterson of Eugene; field secretary and boys' work director, Ed Dewees of Portland; director of evangelism, Martin Kullowatz of Multnomah; general directors — Clifford Dobbins of Sisters, Hugh Olds of Lebanon, and Ike Bartel of Dallas.

Plans and budget adopted for the 1950-51 state program of the Brotherhood stress an increase in visitation evangelism thru men in local churches, continuation of assistance to new churches, continuation of evangelistic team thru January, 1951, and sponsorship of Christian boys' and girls' camps thru the summer. The convention approved a recommendation from the executive board that the name of the state organization be changed to Christian Men's Brotherhood (to be voted on by at the next statewide business meeting at Turner, June 30, 1951). —E.P.D.

Christian Radio Mission

One of the most ambitious, but certainly one of the most sensible missionary porjects is known as the Christian Radio Mission. V. Alex Bills has had a dream of a radio station, in China, devoted to proclaiming the gospel. The Communist revolution has seemed to close that door — as far as locating the station in China is concerned. But a door has opened in Japan. Workers in the Osaka Mission have agreed to lend a hand. A piece of property has been selected in Osaka. Though all funds immediately needed are not on hand, Mr. and Mrs. Bills and their little daughters, Rebekka and Kathleen are ready to sail. Passage has been booked "in faith" on the S. S. Surprise, for December 7th, "the anniversary of another occasion which stands as a monument to our indifference to the task of Christianizing Japan." While the missionaries are not waiting until their plans can be fully realized, it is the plan, eventually, to build a radio station, at a cost of "perhaps $50,000", "with an effective power efficiency of 130,000 watts in any direction. Thus, programs emanating from Osaka, Japan, could be heard practically around the world." Here would seem to be a most practical means of piercing the iron curtain of Communism with The Voice of New Testament Christianity. —J. Frank Cunningham

LOWELL

The churches of Lane County are preparing to assist Lowell in the construction of a new building.

Christmas Offerings For NBA Homes

NOW IS THE TIME for our Churches and Church Schools and various organizations within the Church to make plans for A GREATER CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR BENEVOLENCE.

This Christmas Offering for the Homes for Children and Aged has come to be known as **"The Bread and Butter Offering."** The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, 1602 Landreth Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri, depends upon the Christmas Offering for more than one half of the maintenance for the year for 13 Homes which require total Church support daily.

Materials have been mailed to our Churches in the State from NBA Headquarters. This material is designed to inform our people and suggest ways and means of gathering the Christmas Offering. Plan early in your Church, so the members will be thoroughly informed and enthused, and a greater offering will result on

BENEVOLENT SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 17th.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME
1058 Johnson Road,
Beaverton, Oregon

is our Area Home.

All funds should be sent directly to the Home, or NBA Headquarters, 1602 Landreth Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri. Material Gifts should be sent direct to the Home.